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PATENT

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In re application of: Shapiro et al.

Application No.: 09/538,556

Filed: 03/29/2000

For: System and Method for Facilitating Bilateral and Multilateral  
Decision-Making

Group No.: 3623

Examiner: Stimpak, J.

Commissioner for Patents

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

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2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

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3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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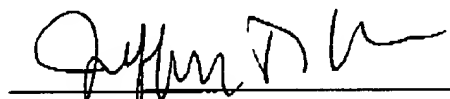
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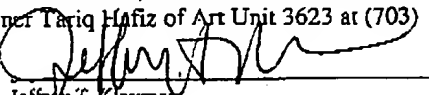
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy extended of a telephonic conversation held on August 7, 2003 between Mr. Jeffrey Klayman and Supervisory Patent Examiner Hafiz in which Mr. Hafiz instructed Mr. Klayman to submit a Request for Reconsideration in response to the Advisory Action of August 4, 2003. Applicants respectfully request entry and reconsideration of the amendment filed on July 11, 2003, as follows.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 1, 22, 23, 25, and 29 to read as follows:

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